

REMARKS

The above amendments to the above-captioned application along with the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response to the Office action dated March 24, 2004. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to give due reconsideration to this application, to indicate the allowability of the claims, and to pass this case to issue.

Status of the Claims

Claims 2 and 3 are currently pending in this application after entry of this amendment. As outlined above, Claims 2 and 3 are being amended to correct formal errors and to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject invention, and Claim 1 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, the subject matter of Claim 1 being substantially incorporated in Claim 2.

Additional Amendments

Also, the specification, the abstract and the title of the invention are being amended as previously set forth herein to correct formal errors and to place the application in better form. Entry of these amendments is also respectfully requested.

Formal Objections or Rejections

In response to the objection to the Title of the Invention, the title currently on file has been amended as previously set forth herein. Withdrawal of the objection to the Title of the Invention is respectfully requested.

Prior Art Rejection

Claims 1 and 3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,594,143 to Yano et al.

The Office Action stated that Claim 2 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the recitations of the base claim and any intervening claims (Paper No. 20040318).

In response to the aforementioned rejection of Claims 1 and 3, the subject matter of Claim 1 has been substantially incorporated into Claim 2, which has been rewritten in independent form, and includes additional amendments to place the claim in better form including those in relation to the thickness of the second frame, with Claim 1 being cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of its subject matter. Also, Claim 3 has been amended to depend from Claim 2.

Therefore, withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of Claims 1 and 3 is respectfully requested.

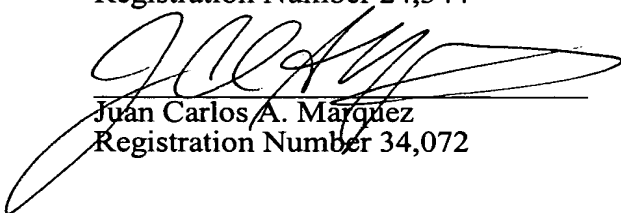
Wherefore, in view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of Claims 2 and 3 are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Favorable reconsideration of this application as amended is respectively solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

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